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Bill No. HB 368



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MONTANA

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan organization whose membership is open to men and women.

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Testimony in Favor of HB 368

Linda Gryczan

Madam Chair and members of Senate Finance and Claims Committee,

The League of Women Voters has long worked for the citizen's right to know and for broad citizen participation in government.

We believe that democratic government depends upon the informed and active participation of citizens at all levels of government.

To that end, we support \$265,000 of general fund money be appropriated to broadcast TV MT during the 2009 session. The League has supported this project from the beginning. While we will continue to be one of the many organizations who donate money to TV MT, private donations are not enough.

We need general fund dollars to towards this effort. We need money for the Historical Society to properly catalog and preserve the proceedings.

As our members and supporters say, "TVMT is a good way to know what's happening in Helena when I can't be there." "You get to put names with faces." And as I've heard from several Helenans, "it's addictive."

HB 368 has broad bipartisan support. The League of Women Voters of Montana urge you to support this bill and the appropriation that goes with it.